

REMARKS

Claims 5-11 and 13-16 remain pending in the present application. Filed concurrently herewith are a Declaration and an English translation of the priority document for the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC §102(e)/103

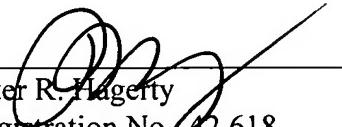
Claims 5-11 and 13-16 stand rejected as being anticipated by or rendered obvious by U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2004/0086745 to Iwakuma et al. (Iwakuma). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that Iwakuma is not prior art. The priority date of the present application is November 26, 2002 whereas the filing date of Iwakuma is March 24 2003. Iwakuma is not prior art because Since Applicants' priority date precedes the filing date of Iwakuma. It is further noted that the English translation of Applicants priority document provides explicit support for Claim 5 in at least paragraphs [0040] through [0042] and paragraph [0084] through [0100]. In view of the foregoing, the rejection is improper and requested to be withdrawn.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should there be any additional questions or concerns.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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